

ARLINGTON PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2023

The Town of Arlington Park and Recreation Commission came to order for its online virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Commission Members: Phil Lasker, Leslie Mayer, Shirley Canniff, Scott Walker and Josh Fenollosa. Jen Rothenberg and Sarah Carrier were not in attendance. Recreation Director Joe Connelly was also present.

Preliminary Matter: Phil Lasker, Park & Recreation Commission chair, took formal attendance via a roll call and read a statement pertaining to Governor Baker's Public Meeting Law change due to COVID-19 regarding virtual meetings. Meeting business ground rules and procedures were also covered by Mr. Lasker.

Open Forum: N/A

Capital Project Updates :

Spy 95% complete and Parmenter 92% complete

- Rubber test sent, waiting on lab results.
- Rubber cannot be installed until the spring.
- Fence work complete.
- One small load of EWF needed in tot area.
- Parmenter ramps complete, handrail as site measured and to be installed upon arrival.
- Parmenter paving work to be completed in the spring.
- No completion date available at this time, substantial completion by end of month.

Robbins Playground

- Second public input meeting went very well with over 50 participants.
- Mr. Connelly is reviewing draft of preferred plan tomorrow.
- Next public meeting is early February.

Arlington Reservoir Phase II – No change

- Small punch list items remain.
 - Planting replacement in spring and clean-up of paths.
- Final walkthrough with LCWF completed.

Stratton, Peirce, Bishop ARPA Project –No change

- Bishop is Open – Sealcoating in the spring.
- Stratton Open with some minor tweaks in the spring.
- Peirce –Open - Sealcoating in the spring with change to PIP early summer.
- A copy of the punch list was provided to the Commission.

Hurd Field Project

- Majority of project complete.
- Working on patio entrance and pavers.
- Field is substantially completed.
- We did ask for some additional fencing work to be completed.
- Waiting on change order for scoreboard.

Poets Corner

- Filing with Concom on Wetland delineation soon.

- Follow up public meeting to occur after wetland delineation.

Turf Prohibition Discussion

- Meeting with Conservation Commission last week.
- Concom to hold off on prohibition language during Town Manager's "Study Period".
- Town Wide Forum to take place February/March.

Arlington Court Needs Assessment

- RFP awarded to Activitas. Activitas has an abundance of court knowledge and is currently conducting survey work which will produce data to assist with CPA requests.
- Activitas taking drone pictures of existing sites this week.
- Meeting with Activitas on the 18th.

CPA Requests – Hills Hill, Menotomy, Turkey Hill

- Final applications have been submitted.
- Presentations are scheduled for February 1st. Mr. Connelly will make a five minute presentation for each project which will be followed by a 5 minute question and answer period.

Approval of Minutes: 10/25/2022. 11/8/2022. 12/13/2022

Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022, as submitted, seconded by Ms. Canniff. Approved 3-0 by roll call vote.

Ms. Mayer – Yes
 Ms. Canniff – Yes
 Mr. Lasker – Yes
 Mr. Walker – abstain

Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the minutes of November 8, 2022, as amended, seconded by Ms. Canniff. Approved 3-0 by roll call vote.

Ms. Mayer – Yes
 Ms. Canniff – Yes
 Mr. Walker – Yes
 Mr. Lasker – abstain

Regarding the meeting held on December 13, 2022, Ms. Mayer recommended that comments submitted via Zoom Chat should not be included in meeting minutes. The recommendation was supported by the Commission. Mr. Connelly will disable the chat feature going forward. Ms. Canniff requested that it be noted that she was disheartened by the events at the last meeting because the chat feature had been a good source of communication in the past.

Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the minutes of December 13, 2022, as amended, seconded by Mr. Walker. Approved 4-0 by roll call vote.

Ms. Mayer – Yes
 Mr. Walker – Yes

Ms. Canniff – Yes

Mr. Lasker - Yes

Comments and Items for Future Meetings:

- a) Open Space and Recreation Plan -TBD
- b) Historical Commission Discussion - Menotomy Rocks Park - Proposed Meeting January 24, 2023
- c) Bench Location Menotomy Rocks Park Continued Discussion — Proposed Meeting January 24, 2023
- d) Open Space Committee Request for Picture Post Replacement — MRP, Reservoir — Proposed Meeting January 24, 2023. The Commission will further discuss the historical aspects of MRP.
- e) Off Leash Program Review — Proposed Meeting February 28, 2023. The Commission will discuss the current by-laws. APD is conducting interviews for a new Animal Control Officer. Ms. Mayer suggested that a member of the Commission represent Parks and Recreation to discuss ACO needs with APD. Mr. Connelly will have a conversation with APD to insure that the new ACO will enforce the current laws. Mr. Lasker inquired about the annual email blast to remind residents of policies, fines, etc. Ms. Mayer stated that it will go out again in the spring.
- f) AHS & Public Art Request Review— Proposed Meeting February 14, 2023. Mr. Connelly and Ms. Rothenberg met with AHS and Arlington Public Art to hear more about the program. The groups have been invited to attend the Commission meeting scheduled for February 14th. AHS students are invited to attend as well. Mr. Connelly noted that the students have been prepped for the public process.

Correspondence Received: MRP Dog Enforcement (Mary Greenwald), Hills Hill MTB (Various). George Buckley (Poets), Off Leash Dogs Reservoir Beach (Augusta Sparks)

New Business: N/A

Ms. Canniff motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm, seconded by Ms. Mayer. Approved 4-0 by roll call vote.

- Ms. Canniff – Yes
- Ms. Mayer – Yes
- Mr. Walker – Yes
- Mr. Lasker – Yes

The Arlington Park & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes were respectfully submitted by Deanna Stacchi.